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DEBT RAISING.

Since the last issue of this paper went to press the financial condition of our hospital has undergone a great change for the better. We are more than pleased to be able to chronicle such events, coming as this does to brighten an overclouded financial horizon. Through the generosity of the late Mrs. Wm. Arnott, we have \$1,000 to apply on the payment of our floating debt. At present this debt totals up \$1,900, or \$100 less than it was at the beginning of the year, which means that we have been able to run the institution, accomplishing more work than ever before, with consequent increased expense, yet have paid off \$100 of the old debt; all this in spite of the great falling off in our subscriptions. This is our position to-day. It is the earnest desire of the management to see our hospital free of debt ere the close of the present year, and we MUST accomplish this end. Incidentally we may remark, that a hospital free of debt is a unique institution, and such position is the best standing advertisement obtainable.

As before stated, we have \$1,000 available, leaving \$900 to be raised, and right here is your opportunity. How much will you give, on condition that the whole amount is collected? It will not take much of a united effort to rid us of this drag on the hospital's progress, and you may rest assured that from experience gained we will not readily again encumber ourselves. Help us to pay this off once and for all and we will have no occasion for further appeals to your generosity. After this, if you want to give us money you will have to hunt us up, and you will probably get lonesome while missing the accustomed wail of the mendicant.

It seems there is some fear of nurses who are tired out with private nursing at home hurrying off to South Africa; under the impression that work will be found much easier there. This is a mistake. It is folly to think that private nursing; or, indeed, nursing of any kind, can be easy. Conscientious nurses have not an easy time, and very few expect it, and women who want to escape hardships should not project themselves into a young colony. Moreover, adaptability to circumstances and surroundings, and a happy, helpful tactfulness which makes every work a pleasure, are of the first importance amongst pioneers. The fact that private nurses at the Cape are paid £3 3s. a week as against £2 2s. at home is not so great a rise as at first appears; the cost of living and clothes are excessively expensive in South Africa.—British Journal of Nursing.